

National Park Service Statement Regarding New Provision for Policy on Location Fees for Filming and Photography

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The National Park Service (NPS) recently announced, at the direction of Congress, implementation of a Public Law that will allow collection of location fees for commercial filming and still photography beginning on May 15, 2006.

The following provision has been added to the NPS policy to address the needs of videographers and cinematographers who produce nature films that highlight the wonders of national parks.

Commercial videographers, cinematographers or sound recording crews of up to two people with only minimal equipment (i.e. a camera and a tripod) working in areas open to the public are required to obtain a commercial filming permit and are subject to appropriate permit terms and conditions and cost recovery charges but are not subject to location fees.

This policy applies to all parks in the National Park System and will remain in effect until the Departmental regulation on Commercial Filming and Still Photography is adopted late in 2007.